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1.0 Background

The Directed Energy (DE) Directorate is developing a new Advanced Electro-Optical System (AEOS), a 3.67m telescope located at the summit of Mt Haleakala (10,000 ft). The Advanced Electro-Optical System facility (approx. 40,000 sf) is co-located with the Air Force Space Command Optical facility and the University of Hawaii observatory programs. Prior to construction of the facility, a group from the 1839 Engineering Installation Group, Keesler AFB, performed an Electromagnetic Interference (EMI) survey. Since the construction of the new AEOS facility, a new EMI survey was needed to evaluate impact of the facility on existing systems and to determine levels within the facility itself.

A new fog detection and alert system is being installed to alert the facility operations personnel to the encroachment of fog so as to close the site in time to prevent the systems inside from experiencing extreme humidity. The system consists of a number of weather sensors located on the Southwest slope of Mt. Haleakala. Data gathered by these sensors are transmitted to a central computer at the facility for data reduction and analysis by a radio frequency (RF) link operating at 138.925 MHz. This system is experiencing problems due to nearby transmitters. In addition to the weather sensors, video cameras are being installed to obtain visual coverage of the site. The video system is experiencing EMI interference with the remote control system to aim and focus the camera. The RF link uses a monopole antenna to receive data from the remote weather sensors. A notch filter was added to the system's receiver to reduce signals outside the sensor transmission band, which improved performance, but did not completely eliminate unwanted receiver noise.

The University of Hawaii is also experiencing a EMI problems with some of its charge coupled device (CCD) imaging systems. Ghosting from some of the TV transmitters is interfering with data collection during observations. It was requested that DE provide a limited Electromagnetic (EM) survey to determine the field levels at some of their facilities.

The objectives of the EMI measurements were:

- 1.) A survey of the AEOS facility to determine the current EM environment.
- 2.) A detailed look at the specific problems related to the fog detection system
- 3.) A survey of the Air Force Space Command facility to determine the effect of the AEOS building on the current EM environment
- 4.) A limited survey of the University of Hawaii facilities to determine the current EM environment.

2.0 Approach

The field measurements made by the 1839 Engineering Installation Group from Keesler AFB were accomplished prior to AEOS construction. Since construction, new measurements were needed to determine the changes in EM Environment due to the new AEOS structure. During the period of 14-16 October, DE made a set of measurements at selected points both internal and external to the AEOS facility. In addition to the facility measurements, field measurements were made on the Space Command Main Observatory building at five rooftop and observatory locations to provide insight into the effect of the AEOS building on the electromagnetic environment. The bulk of the measurements were made while the TV transmitters were radiating, however a limited number of measurements were also made during a short period when most of the TV transmitters were shut off to facilitate background measurements. These measurements provided an opportunity to locate other possible transmissions that were masked by the TV transmissions.

Additional measurements were made for the University of Hawaii Solar Observatory project at various external locations. An additional measurement was taken inside the National Park's summit house, located a short distance North of the AEOS facility, since that is a proposed as a possible location for a video camera as part of the fog alert system.

3.0 Instrumentation

Test Equipment: The equipment used for this effort is delineated in Table 1. All equipment requiring calibration were within there specified calibration cycle. Figure 1 shows the typical equipment configuration.

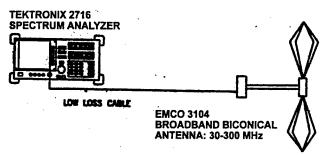


Figure 1: Typical instrumentation setup

Tektronics 2716 Spectrum Analyzer
EMCO 3104C Bicone Antenna
EG&G SQP-1(2) Clamp on Current Probe
EG&G SQP-5(3) Clamp on Current Probe
Various Attenuators, Adapters, Etc

Table 1 : Test Equipment List

4.0 Test Point Locations

Test points were located throughout the various sites atop Mt Haleakala. Several points were acquired inside and outside on the roof of the AEOS building. These locations are illustrated in figures 2, 3 and 4. Figure 5 shows the various measurement locations on the Air Force Space Command facility. Figure 6 shows the measurement locations for the University of Hawaii Observation facilities. Figure 7 is included to show the vertical side view of the AEOS facility for reference. Table 2 defines the AEOS test points taken at these locations. The bicone antenna was rotated until a maximum field strength reading was obtained. Periodically the antenna would be rotated to the vertical position to determine if there were stronger vertical fields. During these checks, vertical responses were always lower than those measured with the antenna in the horizontal position. Variances in the measured levels from the minimum to the maximum were usually not extreme. Positions of the antenna locations were temporary marked with tape on the floor and measurements to nearby reference points were made should measurements need to be repeated in the future. Measurements at all of the specified locations at AEOS were made with the dome closed. Measurements on the fourth floor were also made with the dome in the down position. The results of these measurements are presented in tables shown in the Data Summary Section.

TEST POINT	FLOOR	EXTERNAL	INTERNAL	SIDE
3-E	3 rd	Roof		East
3-N	3 rd	Roof		North
3-W	3 rd	Roof		West
3-S	3 rd	Roof		South
3-NI	3 rd		Inside-Floor	North
4-EI	4 th		Inside-Floor	East
4-NI	4 th		Inside-Floor	North
4-WI	4 th		Inside-Floor	West
4-SI	4 th		Inside-Floor	South
LNEA	4 th		Inside-Floor	North East
(On High Lift)		-	(Dome Down)	·
CR (Control Room)	2 nd		Inside-Control Room	Near Computer Equipment

Table 2: AEOS Test Point Locations

Five measurements were acquired at the Main Observatory building. These are illustrated in figure 5. Table 3 defines the Main Observatory test points taken.

TEST POINT	LOCATION	INTERNAL	EXTERNAL	DIRECTION
O16	1.6 m dome	On Lift		Facing AEOS
O12	1.2 m dome	On Lift		Facing AEOS
LBD	Roof		Near LBD	Facing AEOS
GD2	Dome Catwalk		GEODSS 2	Facing AEOS
GD3	Dome Catwalk		GEODSS 3	Facing AEOS

Table 3: Main Observatory Building Test

Four external measurements were acquired for the University of Hawaii. These are illustrated in Figure 6. Table 4 defines the test points taken for the University of Hawaii.

TEST POINT	FACILITY	LOCATION	DIRECTION
AGR	Airglow Building	NE Corner	East
ZLR	ZL Building	SW Corner	North East
MEES	MEES Building	SW Corner	East
OGL	West of MEES	Down Hill/Ground Level	North

Table 4: University of Hawaii Test Points

An additional measurement was taken inside the summit house located about a half of a mile North of the AEOS facility at Mt Haleakala State park.

5.0 Data Correction

The data taken on the spectrum analyzer was internally corrected from DBm to V/m using antenna correction factors entered into the instrument. External attenuation used was entered into the device and corrected using the instrument. During the measurements these correction factors were enabled and the field levels were read off the display using the Marker functions. The antenna correction factors are shown below.

Antenna Factors for Bicone Antenna (EMCO 3104C S/N 8904-3945)

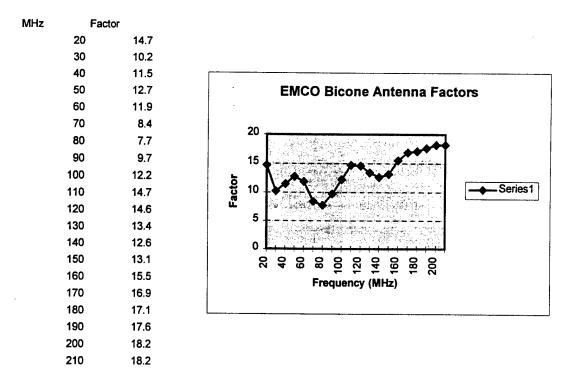


Table 5: Antenna Correction Factors for Bicone Antenna

6.0 Data Summary

The following tables present the EMI measurement data taken at the different observation facilities on Mt. Haleakala. The location of each set of measurements can be referring to the corresponding figure and location code.

MEASUREMENTS ON THE 3RD FLOOR (AEOS)							
			(3-E)	(3-N)	(3-W)	(3-S)	
Emitter		Frequency	E-Field	E-Field	E-Field	E-Field	
		(MHz)	V/M	V/M	V/M	V/M	
Ch 3 KGMB Visual		61	4.43	0.92	0.14	5.01	
Ch 3 KGMB Aural		65.5	1.19	0.88	0.19	0.27	
Public Radio Hawaii		90.7	1.11	2.09	0.27	1.11	
US Navy		131.5			0.004		
Dept of Justice		162.1	1	0.68	0.043	0.41	
Dept of Treasury		165.2	0.79		0.007	0.5	
Ch 7, KAII, Visual		175.1	1.15	2.87	0.19		
Ch 7, KAII, Aural		179.6	0.82	0.88	0.006	1.85	
Ch 10, KHET, Aural		193	1.81	1.57	0.003	3.45	
Ch 10, KHET, Visual		197.6	1.23	0.65	0.007	1.08	
Ch 12, KMAU, Visual		205	0.82		0.014	1.51	
Ch 12, KMAU, Aural		209.3	0.41		0.017	0.34	

Table 6: Measurements on the 3rd Floor (AEOS)

MEASUREMENTS ON THE 3RD FLOOR INSIDE (A	EOS)	
		(3-NI)
Emitter	Frequency	E-Field
	(MHz)	V/M
Ch 3 KGMB Visual	61	0.28
Ch 3 KGMB Aural	65.5	0.016
Public Radio Hawaii	90.7	0.28
US Navy	131.5	0.062
Dept of Justice	162.1	0.085
Dept of Treasury	165.2	0.025
Ch 7, KAII, Visual	175.1	0.022
Ch 7, KAII, Aural	179.6	0.038
Ch 10, KHET, Aural	193	0.12
Ch 10, KHET, Visual	197.6	0.17
Ch 12, KMAU, Visual	205	0.046
Ch 12, KMAU, Aural	209.3	0.042

Table 7: Measurements on the 3rd Floor Inside (AEOS)

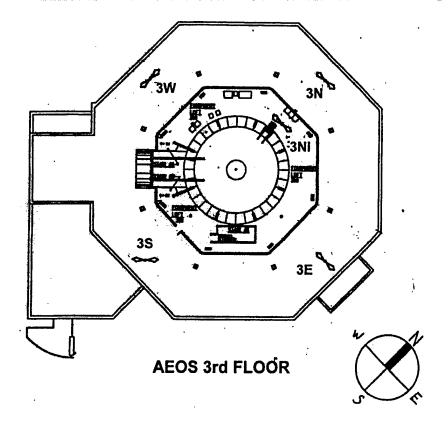


Figure 2 AEOS Third Floor Measurements

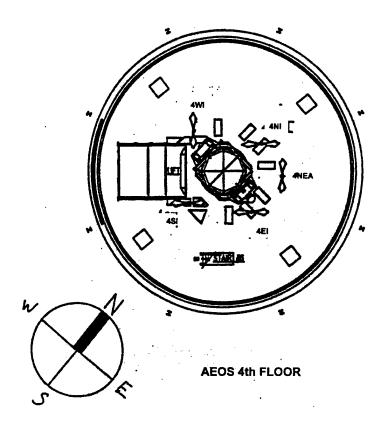


Figure 3 AEOS Fourth Floor Measurements

MEASUREMENTS ON THE 4TH FLOOR INSIDE AEOS (TOP CLOSED)							
		(4-SI)	(4-EI) (4-WI) (4-		(4-NI)		
Emitter	Frequency	E-Field	E-Field	E-Field	E-Field		
	(MHz)	V/M	V/M	V/M	V/M		
Ch 3 KGMB Visual	61	0.34	0.28	0.39	0.12		
Ch 3 KGMB Aural	65.5	0.1	0.056	0.041	0.049		
Public Radio Hawaii	90.7	0.024	0.12	0.71	0.085		
US Navy	131.5	0.015					
Dept of Justice	162.1	0.073	0.038	0.078	0.016		
Dept of Treasury	165.2	0.038	0.031	0.049	0.009		
Ch 7, KAII, Visual	175.1	0.05	0.014	0.026	0.072		
Ch 7, KAII, Aural	179.6	0.035	0.012	0.042	0.01		
Ch 10, KHET, Aural	193	0.13	0.036	0.023	0.022		
Ch 10, KHET, Visual	197.6	0.016	0.035	0.023	0.016		
Ch 12, KMAU, Visual	205	0.052	0.048	0.024	0.02		
Ch 12, KMAU, Aural	209.3	0.075	0.002	0.004	0.007		
	124		0.011	0.026			

Table 8: Measurements on the 4th Floor Inside AEOS (Top Closed)

MEASUREMENTS ON THE 4TH FLOOR INSIDE AEOS (TOP OPEN)							
		(4-SI)	(4-EI)	(4-WI)	(4-NI)	(LNEA))	
Emitter	Frequency	E-Field	E-Field	E-Field	E-Field	E-Field	
	(MHz)	V/M	V/M	V/M	V/M	V/M	
Ch 3 KGMB Visual	61	1.27	1.57	1.32	3.41	9.71	
Ch 3 KGMB Aural	65.5	0.32	0.68	0.41	0.76	1.6	
Public Radio Hawaii	90.7	1.32	0.9	1.09	1	4	
US Navy	131.5						
Dept of Justice	162.1	0.21	0.039	0.23	0.61	1.27	
Dept of Treasury	165.2	0.41	0.36	0.28	0.15	0.44	
Ch 7, KAII, Visual	175.1	0.25	0.56	0.42	1.37	3.84	
Ch 7, KAII, Aural	179.6	0.15	0.22	0.15	0.33	2.05	
Ch 10, KHET, Aural	193	0.094	0.22	0.2	0.38	1.48	
Ch 10, KHET, Visual	197.6	0.032	0.044	0.037	95.5	0.56	
Ch 12, KMAU, Visual	205	0.16	0.14	0.068	0.35	1.27	
Ch 12, KMAU, Aural	209.3	0.042	0.042	0.003	95.5	0.38	
	126		-	0.1			
	211			0.006			
	458	0.013					
	449.9					0.024	

Table 9: Measurements on the 4th Floor Inside AEOS (Top Open)

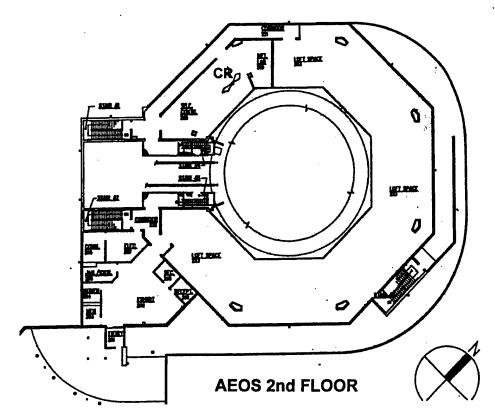


Figure 4 AEOS Second Floor Measurements

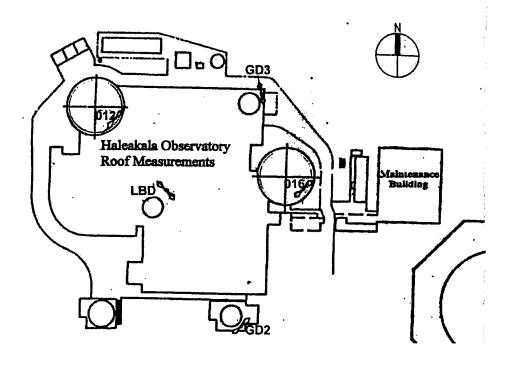


Figure 5 Space Command Haleakala Observatory Roof Measurements

1.6 METER OBSERVATORY			
		Aeos Dome Down	Aeos Dome Up
		016	016
Emitter	Frequency	E-Field	E-Field
	(MHz)	V/M	V/M
Ch 3 KGMB Visual	- 61	4	3.41
Ch 3 KGMB Aural	- 65.5	0.12	0.27
Public Radio Hawaii	90.7	0.0	0.27
US Navy	131.5		
Dept of Justice	162.1	0.13	0.12
Dept of Treasury	165.2	0.04	0.046
Ch 7, KAII, Visual	175.1	4.69	
Ch 7, KAII, Aural	179.6	1.81	1.32
Ch 10, KHET, Aural	193	1.74	0.86
Ch 10, KHET, Visual	197.6	0.5	0.61
Ch 12, KMAU, Visual	205	1.17	1.27
Ch 12, KMAU, Aural	209.3	0.3	0.42
	450	0.049	

Table 10: Space Command 1.6 Meter Observatory

1.2 METER OBSERVATORY (AEOS DOME UP)		
		O12
Emitter	Frequency	E-Field
	(MHz)	V/M
Ch 3 KGMB Visual	61	0.93
Ch 3 KGMB Aural	65.5	0.52
Public Radio Hawaii	90.7	0.61
US Navy	131.5	
Dept of Justice	162.1	0.089
Dept of Treasury	165.2	0.24
Ch 7, KAII, Visual	175.1	0.8
Ch 7, KAII, Aural	179.6	0.4
Ch 10, KHET, Aural	193	1.51
Ch 10, KHET, Visual	197.6	0.55
Ch 12, KMAU, Visual	205	0.9
Ch 12, KMAU, Aural	209.3	0.26
	291	0.011
	172.9	0.089

Table 11: Space Command 1.2 Meter Observatory

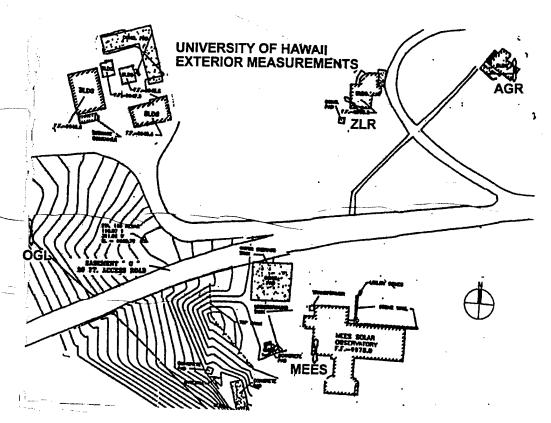


Figure 6 University of Hawaii Measurements

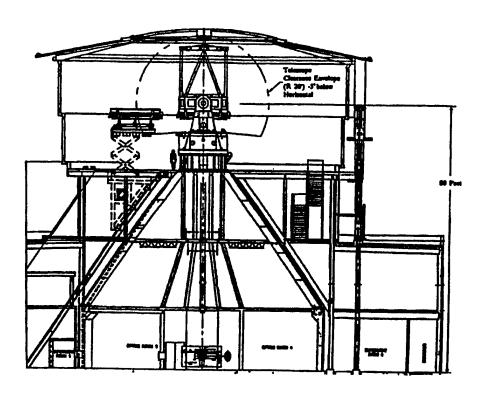


Figure 7 AEOS Facility Side View

LBD BUILDING (OUTSIDE ON THE ROOF)			
		LBD	
Emitter	Frequency	E-Field	
	(MHz)	V/M	
Ch 3 KGMB Visual	61	0.39	
Ch 3 KGMB Aural	65.5	0.13	
Public Radio Hawaii	90.7	2.18	
US Navy	131.5		
Dept of Justice	162.1	0.041	
Dept of Treasury	165.2	0.13	
Ch 7, KAII, Visual	175.1	0.82	
Ch 7, KAII, Aural	179.6	0.28	
Ch 10, KHET, Aural	193	0.2	
Ch 10, KHET, Visual	197.6	0.047	
Ch 12, KMAU, Visual	205	0.084	
Ch 12, KMAU, Aural	209.3	0.058	
	450	0.011	

Table 12: Space Command LBD Building (Outside on the Roof)

GEODSS 2&3 DOMES (OUTSIDE ON THE CATWALK)				
		GD2	GD3	
Emitter	Frequency E-Field E-F		E-Field	
	(MHz)	V/M	V/M	
Ch 3 KGMB Visual	61	0.62	2.61	
Ch 3 KGMB Aural	65.5	0.14	0.8	
Public Radio Hawaii	90.7	0.12	1.97	
US Navy	131.5			
Dept of Justice	162.1	0.062	0.18	
Dept of Treasury	165.2	0.27	0.02	
Ch 7, KAII, Visual	175.1	0.27	0.01	
Ch 7, KAII, Aural	179.6	0.11	3.28	
Ch 10, KHET, Aural	193	0.13	6	
Ch 10, KHET, Visual	197.6	0.028	1.97	
Ch 12, KMAU, Visual	205	0.021	1.54	
Ch 12, KMAU, Aural	209.3	0.012	0.35	
	450	0.005	0.021	
	125	0.039		

Table 13: Space Command GEODSS 2& 3 Domes (Outside on the Catwalk)

U OF HAWAII AIRGLOW ROOF, ZL ROOF, MEES, & OUTDOOR GROUND LEVEL					
		AGR	ZLR	MEES	OGL
Emitter	Frequency	E-Field	E-Field	E-Field	E-Field
	(MHz)	V/M	V/M	V/M	V/M
Ch 3 KGMB Visual	61	1.43	1.09	0.25	0.1
Ch 3 KGMB Aural	65.5	0.36	0.21	88.4	0.03
Public Radio Hawaii	90.7	0.59	0.21	0.21	0.058
US Navy	131.5	0.42			
Dept of Justice	162.1	0.15	0.049	0.054	0.012
Dept of Treasury	165.2	0.25	0.1	0.035	0.003
Ch 7, KAII, Visual	175.1	3.16	0.22	0.19	0.06
Ch 7, KAII, Aural	179.6	1.27	0.067	0.054	0.004
Ch 10, KHET, Aural	193	2.05	0.2	0.18	0.063
Ch 10, KHET, Visual	197.6	0.61	0.058	0.046	0.02
Ch 12, KMAU, Visual	205	0.83	0.039	0.056	0.011
Ch 12, KMAU, Aural	209.3	0.16	0.013	0.01	0.007
	450	0.005	0.001	0.004	0.0007
	211		0.035		
	455				0.0006

Table 14: University of Hawaii Airglow Roof, ZL Roof, MEES, and Outdoor Ground Level

AEOS DOME CONTROL ROOM, AND SUMMIT HOUSE				
		CR	Summit	
Emitter	Frequency	E-Field	E-Field	
	(MHz)	V/M	V/M	
Ch 3 KGMB Visual	61	0.026	0.21	
Ch 3 KGMB Aural	65.5	0.013	0.062	
Public Radio Hawaii	90.7	0.014	0.29	
US Navy	131.5			
Dept of Justice	162.1	0.002	0.031	
Dept of Treasury	165.2	0.003	0.012	
Ch 7, KAII, Visual	175.1	off	0.83	
Ch 7, KAII, Aural	179.6	off	0.32	
Ch 10, KHET, Aural	193	off	off	
Ch 10, KHET, Visual	197.6	off	off	
Ch 12, KMAU, Visual	205	0.016	0.068	
Ch 12, KMAU, Aural	209.3	0.017	0.013	

Table 15: AEOS Dome Control Room, and Summit House

BLACKOUT TEST (THIRD FLOOR MEASUR	EMENTS ON AEOS OL	ITSIDE)		
		Xmitting	Off	
		3S	3S	
Emitter	Frequency	E-Field	E-Field	
	(MHz)	V/M	V/M	
Ch 3 KGMB Visual	61	5.21	Off	
Ch 3 KGMB Aural	65.5	0.38	Off	
Public Radio Hawaii	90.7	0.5		0.5
US Navy	131.5			
Dept of Justice	162.1	0.15		0.15
Dept of Treasury	165.2	0.29		0.29
Ch 7, KAII, Visual	175.1	3.69	Off	
Ch 7, KAII, Aural	179.6	1.54	Off	
Ch 10, KHET, Aural	193	Off	Off	
Ch 10, KHET, Visual	197.6	Off	Off	
Ch 12, KMAU, Visual	205	1.04		1.04
Ch 12, KMAU, Aural	209.3	0.22		0.22

Table 16: Blackout Test (3rd Floor Measurements AEOS Outside)

7.0 Analysis

A general overview of the data shows that measurements taken in direct line of sight of the TV transmitter antennas have the highest field levels. Measurements taken where the TV antennas have been masked by buildings or by terrain show that field levels have been attenuated by 1 to 2 orders of magnitude. Field levels measured inside buildings showed similar reductions in levels.

Cable response measurements made on the fog alert system video camera control cable showed that significant currents were present on the cable. Further examination of the control cable revealed that there was no external shield to provide the necessary electromagnetic protection to prevent unwanted currents from interfering with the control functions. We recommend that the cable be replaced with a shielded cable with connectors that bond the shield to the backshell of the connector around the entire periphery so as to flow currents from the cable shield to the equipment enclosure (assuming it is metal and properly grounded). The shielded cable and connectors need to be properly installed and the equipment enclosures grounded at both ends of the cable. Shields that are "pig tailed" to the enclosure or ground will not provide shielding at frequencies above 1 MHz. A shielded cable should reduce coupling to the control wiring sufficiently to eliminate any functional interference. Cable measurements made from the monopole antenna (used to receive data from the remote sensors) feed indicated that the notch filter that had been installed was performing as intended. While improvement with the filter increased performance additional attenuation of the 61 MHz signal is required. An additional filter centered at 61 MHz, providing at lest 6Db attenuation, in series with the existing filter should be capable of eliminating the 61 MHz interference.

A comparison of the data taken by the 1839th Engineering Group in 1994 before the AEOS facility was constructed with the data taken now reveals some differences. Table 17 shows a summary comparison of these measurements at the AEOS site.

FREQ	402 (1920)	LINEA	1 2 5	0.36435
	40' (1839)	LNEA	3-E	3-MAX
61	4.90	9.71	4.3	5.01
65.5	1.51	1.6	1.19	1.19
90.7	4.95	4.0	1.11	2.09
131.5	1.30	*	*	0.004
162.1	0.98	1.27	1.0	1.0
165.2	0.96	0.44	0.79	. 0.79
175.1	7.85	3.84	1.15	2.87
179.6	3.20	1.48	1.81	1.85
193	12.39	1.48	1.81	3.45
197.6	3.89	0.56	1.23	1.23
205.0	9.55	1.27	0.82	1.51
209.3	3.43	0.38	0.41	0.41

Levels too low to measure

Table 17: Summary Comparison of AEOS Site Data

The column labeled "40" (1839)" is the data taken by the 1839th Engineering Group in 1994 at the forty foot height. This height corresponds closely to the third floor level of the AEOS facility. The 3-E MAX column represents the maximum field levels measured at all four test points made on the third level roof (3-E, 3-N, 3-W, 3-S). There are some significant differences in the data from the 1839th data at the 131.5 MHz, 193 MHz, 205.0 MHz, and 209.3 MHz frequencies. Some of these differences may be the result of reduced transmitter power levels. Other variations may be caused by the AEOS structure. In most cases, except at 61 MHz, the data collected by DE is lower or similar to the results obtained by the 1839th Engineering Group.

FREQ	1839 TH DATA	O12
61 MHz	0.93	2.09
65.5 MHz	0.52	0.62
90.7 MHz	0.61	1.23
131.5 MHz	*	0.01
162.1 MHz	0.089	0.09,
165.2 MHz	0.24	0.14
175.1 MHz	0.8	2.45
179.6 MHz	0.4	0.97
193 MHz	1.51	2.29
197.6 MHz	0.55	0.88
205 MHz	0.9	4.12
209.3 MHz	0.26	2.16

• Data not included in 1839th Engineering Group report.

Table 18: Space Command AMOS 1.2 Meter Dome Comparisons

Comparison of the 1839th Engineering Group data and the DE data taken at Space Command AMOS facility 1.2 meter dome (Table 18) shows a much higher field level at the 61 MHz frequency. The cause of this higher reading is not clear, but is consistent with the data taken at for the AEOS site/facility during both tests. Similar differences also exist at 175.1 MHz, 205 MHz, and 209.3 MHz. Again these readings are not consistent with readings taken at the AEOS site by the 1839th Engineering Group. The lower readings may be caused by the exact location the readings were taken near the dome. If the location was masked by the dome or building, then they would be consistent. The measurements taken by DE were not masked by the 1.2 meter dome.

It would appear that the AEOS facility has little effect on field levels measured at the Space Command AMOS facility. Most of the field reductions at that facility appear to be caused by terrain. Similar reductions at the University of Hawaii facilities appear to be the result of terrain rather than structures, however, no prior measurements were available for those sites.

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